

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-23, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant further elects to pursue claims directed to Species I, Figures 1-10, of which Claims 1-11 are readable thereon. This election is made without traverse. While a species election has been made, applicant requests consideration of the claims to additional species within Group I should a generic claim be allowable, as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Moreover, applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue patent protection for the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

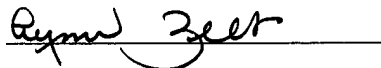
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